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PREFACE.

THOSE who are familiar with the writings of John Greenleaf Whittier must have noticed the frequency of his Biblical allusions, and the devotional spirit that breathes through his lines.

While tracing some of these allusions to their Scriptural source, the thought has suggested itself, that to place these corresponding passages side by side for daily contemplation might be a welcome service to my former pupils, and all who love to feed upon the utterances of pious hearts.

Fully aware of the imperfection of the work, I can only hope the gems thus presented may lead to a more attentive search of the rich mines of inspiration whence they have been drawn.

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The words of the pure are pleasant words. — PROVERBS xv. 26.

Christianity is not simply historical and traditional, but present and permanent, with its roots in the infinite past and its branches in the infinite future — the eternal spring and growth of Divine love; not the dying echo of words uttered centuries ago, never to be repeated, but God's good tidings spoken afresh in every soul, — the perennial fountain and unstinted outflow of wisdom and goodness, forever old and forever new. — WHITTIER (Introduction to "Patience of Hope").

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JANUARY.

January (First Month) 1.

I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROM. viii. 38, 39.

Immortal Love, forever full,
Forever flowing free,
Forever shared, forever whole,
A never-ebbing sea! OUR MASTER.

January (First Month) 2.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save: neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. ISA. lix. 1.

For who that leans on his right arm
Was ever yet forsaken?
What righteous cause can suffer harm
If he its part hath taken?

LUTHER'S HYMN.

January (First Month) 3.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. LUKE ii. 13, 14.

A little while the world may run
Its old mad way, with needle-gun
And iron-clad, but truth at last shall reign;
The cradle-song of Christ was never sung in vain!

THE TENT ON THE BEACH.

January (First Month) 4.

Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

HEB. xii. 6.

Enough that blessings undeserved
Have marked my erring track;
That wheresoe'er my feet have swerved,
His chastening turned me back.

MY PSALM.

January (First Month) 5.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

DAN. xii. 3.

Beautiful in her holy peace, as one
Who stands at evening, when the work is done,
Glorified in the setting of the sun!

PRELUDE TO HOME BALLADS.

January (First Month) 6.

Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. JOB xi. 7, 9.

Who fathoms the Eternal Thought?
Who talks of scheme and plan?
The Lord is God! He needeth not
The poor device of man.

THE ETERNAL GOODNESS.

January (First Month) 7.

I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 TIM. iv. 7, 8.

Finished thy work, and kept thy faith
In Christian firmness unto death;
And beautiful as sky and earth,
When autumn's sun is downward going,
The blessed memory of thy worth
Around thy place of slumber glowing!

TO THE MEMORY OF THOMAS SHIPLEY.

January (First Month) 8.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

DEUT. xxxiii. 27.

In the darkness as in daylight,
On the water as on land,
God's eye is looking on us,
And beneath us is his hand!

SONGS OF LABOR.

January (First Month) 9.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

PS. cxlvii. 17, 18.

Fair seem these winter days, and soon
Shall blow the warm west winds of spring
To set the unbound rills in tune,
And hither urge the bluebird's wing.

THE CLEAR VISION.

My soul is full of thankfulness, and a sweet inward peace is my portion. Hard things are made easy to me; this desert place, with its lonely woods, and wintry snows, is beautiful in mine eyes. MARGARET SMITH'S JOURNAL.

January (First Month) 10.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. PS. xciv. 19.

Happy he whose inward ear
Angel comfortings can hear.

BARCLAY OF URY.

January (First Month) 11.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. MATT. xi. 29, 30.

We take with solemn thankfulness
Our burden up, nor ask it less,
And count it joy that even we
May suffer, serve, or wait for thee.

THY WILL BE DONE.

Wherever love goes, there springs the true *heart's-ease*, rooting itself even in the polar ices.

MY SUMMER WITH DR. SINGLETARY.

January (First Month) 12.

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. ECCL. xi. 1.

Enough to know, that through the winter's frost,
And summer's heat, no seed of truth is lost,
And every duty pays at last its cost.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

January (First Month) 13.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 PET. v. 7.

I know not where his islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond his love and care.

THE ETERNAL GOODNESS.

January (First Month) 14.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor. iv. 17, 18.

Thou hast midst Life's empty noises
Heard the solemn steps of Time,
And the low mysterious voices
Of another clime. To ——.

January (First Month) 15.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Prov. xxxi. 10.

Her air, her smile, her motions, told
Of womanly completeness;
A music as of household songs
Was in her voice of sweetness.

Among the Hills.

January (First Month) 16.

He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

2 Cor. v. 15.

O thou who movest on the deep
Of spirits, wake my own from sleep!

Its darkness melt, its coldness warm,
The lost restore, the ill transform,
That flower and fruit henceforth may be
Its grateful offering, worthy thee.

INVOCATION.

January (First Month) 17.

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master, and the servant as his Lord.

MATT. x. 25.

Is the sinful servant more
Than his gracious Lord, who bore
Bonds and stripes in Jewry?

BARCLAY OF URY.

January (First Month) 18.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. ISA. liii. 5.

And shall the sinful heart alone,
Behold unmoved the atoning hour,
When Nature trembles on her throne,
And Death resigns his iron power?
Oh, shall the heart — whose sinfulness
Gave keenness to his sore distress,
And added to his tears of blood —
Refuse its trembling gratitude?

THE CRUCIFIXION.

January (First Month) 19.

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

HEB. xii. 11.

Grown wiser for the lesson given,
I fear no longer, for I know
That, where the share is deepest driven,
The best fruits grow. THE REFORMER.

January (First Month) 20.

The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. 1 COR. iii. 19.

Be still and know that I am God. PS. xlvi. 10.

O thriftlessness of dream and guess!
O wisdom which is foolishness!
Why idly seek from outward things
The answer inward silence brings?

QUESTIONS OF LIFE.

January (First Month) 21.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given, will he pay him again. PROV. xix. 17.

Leave cant and craft their baptized bounds,
Leave rank its minster floor;
Give England's green and daisied grounds
The poet of the poor! ELLIOTT.

January (First Month) 22.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. MATT. v. 16.

The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The Gospel of a life like hers
Is more than books or scrolls.

THE FRIEND'S BURIAL.

January (First Month) 23.

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death. PHIL. iii. 10.

Up from undated time they come,
The martyr souls of heathendom,
And to his cross and passion bring
Their fellowship of suffering.

MIRIAM.

January (First Month) 24.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. MATT. xvi. 24.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

THE BREWING OF SOMA.

January (First Month) 25.

Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. ACTS iv. 19.

Still keep the path which duty bids ye tread,
Though worldly wisdom shake the cautious head. THE PEACE CONVENTION AT BRUSSELS.

January (First Month) 26.

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. HEB. xii. 1, 2.

Earnest toil and strong endeavor
Of a spirit, which within
Wrestles with familiar evil,
And besetting sin;

And without, with tireless vigor,
Steady heart, and weapon strong,
In the power of truth assailing
Every form of wrong. TO ——.

January (First Month) 27.

He that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. GAL. vi. 8.

Suffice it that we know
What needs must ripen from the seed we sow;
That present time is but the mould wherein
We cast the shapes of holiness and sin.

THE PANORAMA.

January (First Month) 28.

God that made the world, and all things therein, . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men. ACTS xvii. 24, 26.

Thy children all — though hue and form
Are varied in thine own good will —
With thy own holy breathings warm,
And fashioned in thine image still.

LINES WRITTEN FOR A MEETING OF ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

January (First Month) 29.

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. ROM. xii. 11.

Not to ease and aimless quiet
Doth that inward answer tend,
But to works of love and duty
As our being's end. TO ——.

January (First Month) 30.

The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. ISA. lvii. 20, 21.

Baffled in thy life-long quest,
How ill thy troubled musings fit.

Overworn with toiling vain,
The holy quiet of a breast
With the Dove of Peace at rest,
Sweetly brooding over it.

MOGG MEGONE.

January (First Month) 31.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

EPH. iii. 8, 9.

Thou, O most Compassionate!
Who didst stoop to our estate,
Drinking of the cup we drain,
Treading in our path of pain,

Through the doubt and mystery,
Grant to us thy steps to see,
And the grace to draw from thence,
Larger hope and confidence.

MY DREAM.

FEBRUARY.

February (Second Month) 1.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.

HEB. xii. 14, 15.

Let us then, uniting bury
All our idle feuds in dust,
And to future conflicts carry
Mutual faith and common trust;
Always he who most forgiveth in his brother is most just.

LINES.

February (Second Month) 2.

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine. JOHN vii. 17.

From scheme and creed the light goes out,
The saintly fact survives;
The blessed Master none can doubt
Revealed in holy lives.

THE FRIEND'S BURIAL.

February (Second Month) 3.

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth

to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? HEB. i. 14.

I cannot feel that thou art far,
Since near at need the angels are;
And when the sunset gates unbar
Shall I not see thee waiting stand,
And, white against the evening star,
The welcome of thy beckoning hand?

SNOW-BOUND.

February (Second Month) 4.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love. ROM. xii. 10.

Ah! human kindness, human love —
To few who seek denied —
Too late we learn to prize above
The whole round world beside!

THE HILL-TOP.

February (Second Month) 5.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? MATT. vii. 11.

As a child may ask
A father, pray the Everlasting Good
For light and guidance midst the subtle snares
Of sin, thick planted in life's thoroughfares,
For spiritual strength, and moral hardihood.

HELP.

February (Second Month) 6.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. PHIL. iv. 13.

Leaning on Him, make with reverent meekness
his own thy will,
And with strength from Him shall thy utter weakness
Life's task fulfill. MY SOUL AND I.

February (Second Month) 7.

For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

1 PET. ii. 20.

Give me joy that in his name
I can bear, with patient frame,
All these vain ones offer.

BARCLAY OF URY.

February (Second Month) 8.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay-tree: yet he passed away, and lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

PS. xxxvii. 35, 36.

What! know ye not the gains of crime
Are dust and dross;

Its ventures on the waves of time
Foredoomed to loss!

MOLOCH IN STATE STREET.

February (Second Month) 9.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

2 COR. i. 3, 4.

I lean my heart unto thee, sadly folding
Thy hand in mine;
With even the weakness of my soul upholding
The strength of thine.

TO MY FRIEND ON THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER.

February (Second Month) 10.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. GAL. vi. 1.

But by all thy nature's weakness,
Hidden faults and follies known,
Be thou, in rebuking evil,
Conscious of thine own.

WHAT THE VOICE SAID.

February (Second Month) 11.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and

with thy honor all the day. Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth. Ps. lxxi. 8, 9.

Fill, brief or long, my granted span
Of life with love to thee and man;
Strike when thou wilt the hour of rest,
But let my last days be my best!

THE CLEAR VISION.

February (Second Month) 12.

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. MARK ii. 27, 28.

Book, and Church, and Day are given
For man, not God, — for earth, not heaven, —
The blessed means to holiest ends,
Not masters, but benignant friends.

THE MEETING.

February (Second Month) 13.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 COR. xv. 54.

There 's not a charm of soul or brow —
Of all we knew and loved in thee —
But lives in holier beauty now,
Baptized in immortality! LUCY HOOPER.

February (Second Month) 14.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. REV. xv. 3.

O Holy Father! just and true
Are all thy works and words and ways,
And unto thee alone are due
Thanksgiving and eternal praise.

LINES.

February (Second Month) 15.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.

REV. xxi. 1.

And the preacher heard his dear ones nestled
round him, weeping sore;
"Never heed, my little children! Christ is
walking on before
To the pleasant land of heaven, where the sea
shall be no more."

THE SWAN SONG OF PARSON AVERY.

February (Second Month) 16.

And to every man his work.

MARK xiii. 34.

In the long strife with evil, which began
With the first lapse of new-created man,
Wisely and well has Providence assigned
To each his part, — some forward, some behind;

And they, too, serve, who temper and restrain
The o'erwarm heart that sets on fire the brain.

THE PANORAMA.

February (Second Month) 17.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. GAL. v. 1.

As for me,
If but the least and frailest, let me be
Evermore numbered with the truly free
Who find thy service perfect liberty!

WHAT OF THE DAY?

February (Second Month) 18.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me. PS. xxiii. 4.

Death seems but a covered way
Which opens into light,
Wherein no blinded child can stray
Beyond the Father's sight.

MY PSALM.

February (Second Month) 19.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor? ROM. xi. 33, 34.

Is 't well to pry
Into the secrets which belong

Only to God ? — The life to be
Is still the unguessed mystery ;
Our part is simple trust and reverent awe,
For who hath known his mind, or been his counsellor ? THE TENT ON THE BEACH.

February (Second Month) 20.

Fulfil your works, your daily tasks.
EX. v. 13.

Yet do thy work ; it shall succeed
In thine or in another's day ;
And if denied the victor's meed,
Thou shalt not lack the toiler's pay.
THE VOICES.

February (Second Month) 21.

He giveth snow like wool : he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes. PS. cxlvii. 16.

In starry flake, and pellicle,
All day the hoary meteor fell ;
And when the second morning shone,
We looked upon a world unknown.
No cloud above, no earth below, —
A universe of sky and snow !
SNOW-BOUND.

February (Second Month) 22.

The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way. PS. xxv. 9.

If I may not, sin-defiled,
Claim my birthright as a child,

Suffer it that I to thee
As an hired servant be ;
Let the lowliest task be mine,
Grateful, so the work be thine.

ANDREW RYKMAN'S PRAYER.

February (Second Month) 23.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the name of the Lord.

JOB i. 21.

I long for household voices gone,
For vanished smiles I long,
But God hath led my dear ones on,
And he can do no wrong.

THE ETERNAL GOODNESS.

February (Second Month) 24.

For the poor shall never cease out of the land : therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

DEUT. xv. 11.

The poor
Are thine to feed :
Turn not the outcast from thy door,
Nor give to bonds and wrong once more,
Whom God hath freed.

STANZAS FOR THE TIMES.

February (Second Month) 25.

Christ died for all, that they which live should

not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

2 Cor. v. 15.

Remembering others, as I have to-day,
In their great sorrows, let me live alway
Not for myself alone, but have a part,
Such as a frail and erring spirit may,
In love which is of thee, and which indeed
thou art! The Prisoners of Naples.

February (Second Month) 26.

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. Gen. ix. 13.

For not alone in tones of awe and power
He speaks to man;
The cloudy horror of the thunder-shower
His rainbows span. To A. K.

February (Second Month) 27.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John xiv. 2, 3.

Suffice it if — my good and ill unreckoned,
And both forgiven through thy abounding
grace —

I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
  Unto my fitting place :
Some humble door among thy many mansions,
Some sheltering shade where sin and striving
    cease,
And flows forever through heaven's green ex-
    pansions
  The river of thy peace. AT LAST.

February (Second Month) 28.

Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

JER. xxix. 13.

The simple heart that freely asks
  In love, obtains.

THE HERMIT OF THE THEBAID.

February (Second Month) 29.

Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. MATT. xviii. 3.

The haughty eye shall seek in vain
  What innocence beholds ;
No cunning finds the key of heaven,
  No strength its gate unfolds.

Alone to guilelessness and love
  That gate shall open fall ;
The mind of pride is nothingness,
  The childlike heart is all ! CHILD SONGS.

MARCH.

March (Third Month) 1.

How is the gold become dim! LAM. iv. 1.

If dim the gold of life has grown,
I will not count it dross,
Nor turn from treasures still my own,
To sigh for lack and loss.

MY BIRTHDAY.

March (Third Month) 2.

From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 TIM. iii. 15.

We cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful
From graven stone, and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

MIRIAM.

March (Third Month) 3.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

ROM. xiii. 10.

He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen. 1 JOHN iv. 20.

Love, the fulfilling of every law; our love for one another measuring and manifesting our love of Him. FIRST DAY IN LOWELL.

March (Third Month) 4.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. PS. cxix. 18.

Only when on form and word obscure
Falls from above the white supernal light
We read the mystic characters aright,
And life informs the silent portraiture,
Until we pause at last, awe-held, before
The One ineffable Face, love, wonder, and adore.

THE BOOK.

March (Third Month) 5.

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. PROV. xxiv. 10.

In months of sun so live that months of rain
Shall still be happy. CONDUCT.

March (Third Month) 6.

He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; . . . to comfort all that mourn.

ISA. lxi. 1, 2.

Father! to thy suffering poor
  Strength and grace and faith impart,
And with thy own love restore
  Comfort to the broken heart!

THE FAMILIST'S HYMN.

March (Third Month) 7.

I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. HEB. viii. 10, 11.

The Spirit's law, the Inward Rule and Guide,
Scholar and peasant, lord and serf, allied.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

March (Third Month) 8.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. JER. x. 23.

Knowing, at last, that it is not in man
Who walketh to direct his steps, or plan
His permanent house of life.

TO F. A. P. BARNARD.

March (Third Month) 9.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. TITUS iii. 5.

I loved the work : it was its own reward.
I never counted on it to offset
My sins, which are many, or make less my debt
To the free grace and mercy of our Lord.

THE BROTHER OF MERCY.

Forever round the Mercy-seat
The guiding lights of Love shall burn.

THE ANSWER.

March (Third Month) 10.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor : the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

PS. xli. 1.

Kindness to the wronged is never
Without its excellent reward, —
Holy to human-kind and ever
Acceptable to God.

TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE.

March (Third Month) 11.

And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things : but one thing is needful : and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. LUKE x. 41, 42.

Give and receive ; go forth and bless
The world that needs the hand and heart
Of Martha's helpful carefulness
No less than Mary's better part.

AT SCHOOL-CLOSE.

March (Third Month) 12.

Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. JOHN x. 16.

They who differ pole-wide serve
Perchance the common Master,
And other sheep he hath than they
Who graze one narrow pasture!

A SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATION.

March (Third Month) 13.

Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. MATT. xix. 14.

Of such the kingdom! — Teach thou us,
O Master most divine,
To feel the deep significance
Of these wise words of thine!

CHILD-SONGS.

March (Third Month) 14.

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? ISA. lviii. 6.

But break the chain, — the yoke remove,
And smite to earth Oppression's rod,
With those mild arms of Truth and Love,
Made mighty through the living God!

OUR COUNTRYMEN IN CHAINS.

March (Third Month) 15.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. Ps. cxii. 7.

Whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Prov. i. 33.

And there he stands in memory to this day,
Erect, self-poised, a rugged face, half seen
Against the background of unnatural dark,
A witness to the ages as they pass,
That simple duty hath no place for fear.

Abraham Davenport.

March (Third Month) 16.

I and my Father are one. John x. 30.

The homage that we render thee
Is still our Father's own;
Nor jealous claim or rivalry
Divides the Cross and Throne.

Our Master.

March (Third Month) 17.

He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. James v. 20.

Heaven's gate is shut to him that comes alone;
Save thou a soul, and it shall save thy own!

The Two Rabbis.

Simple, cheerful faith in God as our great and good Father, and love of his children as

our brethren, acted out in all relations and duties, is certainly best for this world, and we believe also the best preparation for that to come.

FANATICISM.

March (Third Month) 18.

Everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

PHIL. iv. 12.

For blest beyond deserving still, and knowing
That kindly Providence its care is showing
In the withdrawal as in the bestowing,
Scarcely I dare for more or less to pray.

THE PRISONERS OF NAPLES.

March (Third Month) 19.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts ; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Ps. li. 6.

So, to the calmly gathered thought
The innermost of truth is taught,
The mystery dimly understood,
That love of God is love of good.

THE MEETING.

March (Third Month) 20.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself.

LUKE x. 27.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the

least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. MATT. xxv. 40.

He forgot his soul for others,
Himself to his neighbor lending;
He found the Lord in his suffering brothers,
And not in the clouds descending.

G. L. S.

March (Third Month) 21.

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. ECCL. xi. 6.

Give what seems given thee. It may prove a seed
Of goodness dropped in fallow-grounds of need.

UTTERANCE.

March (Third Month) 22.

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. PHIL. ii. 6, 7.

And, lending life to the dead form of faith,
Give human nature reverence for the sake
Of One who bore it, making it divine
With the ineffable tenderness of God.

AMONG THE HILLS.

March (Third Month) 23.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. EPH. vi. 18.

And they, who, like the gentle wind, uplift
The petals of the dew-wet flowers, and drift
Their perfume on the air,
Alike may serve him, each, with their own gift,
Making their lives a prayer!

To A. K.

March (Third Month) 24.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. MARK xvi. 15.

And grant, O Father! that the time
Of Earth's deliverance may be near,
When every land and tongue and clime
The message of thy love shall hear.

LINES.

March (Third Month) 25.

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. MATT. vi. 26–29.

As bird and flower made plain of old
The lesson of the Teacher,

So now I heard the written Word
Interpreted by Nature! A SABBATH SCENE.

March (Third Month) 26.

Jesus wept. JOHN xi. 35.

Give our tears to the dead! For humanity's claim
From its silence and darkness is ever the same;
The hope of that World whose existence is bliss
May not stifle the tears of the mourners of this.

A LAMENT.

March (Third Month) 27.

Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. JOHN vi. 26.

So was it when the Holy One
The garments of the flesh put on!
Men followed where the Highest led
For common gifts of daily bread,
And gross of ear, of vision dim,
Owned not the godlike power of him.

EZEKIEL.

March (Third Month) 28.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. PS. CXXX. 5.

O power to do! O baffled will!
O prayer and action! ye are one.

Who may not strive, may yet fulfil
The harder task of standing still,
And good but wished, with God is done!

THE WAITING.

March (Third Month) 29.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

Ps. lxxi. 9.

When on my day of life the night is falling,
And, in the winds from unsunned spaces blown,
I hear far voices out of darkness calling
My feet to paths unknown,

Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its walls decay;
O Love divine, O Helper ever present,
Be Thou my strength and stay! AT LAST.

March (Third Month) 30.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 1 COR. xv. 55.

Where is the victory of the grave?
What dust upon the spirit lies?
God keeps the sacred life he gave, —
The prophet never dies! CHANNING.

March (Third Month) 31.

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

PROV. xiv. 34.

By all for which the martyrs bore their agony
and shame;
By all the warning words of truth with which
the prophets came;
By the Future which awaits us; by all the
hopes which cast
Their faint and trembling beams across the
blackness of the Past;
By the blessed thought of him who for Earth's
freedom died,
O my people! O my brothers! let us choose
the righteous side.

THE CRISIS.

APRIL.

April (Fourth Month) 1.

Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. EPH. iv. 32.

Hard to feel the stranger's scoff,
Hard the old friend's falling off,
Hard to learn forgiving:
But the Lord his own rewards,
And his love with theirs accords,
Warm and fresh and living.

BARCLAY OF URY.

April (Fourth Month) 2.

So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do. LUKE xvii. 10.

Our strength to-day
Is but to-morrow's weakness, prone to fall;
Poor, blind, unprofitable servants all
Are we alway. THE REWARD.

April (Fourth Month) 3.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. PS. xxxiii. 5.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Ps. cxix. 105.

God is good and God is light,
In this faith I rest secure;
Evil can but serve the right,
Over all shall love endure.

CALEF IN BOSTON.

April (Fourth Month) 4.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. MATT. v. 5, 6.

Sure stands the promise — ever to the meek
A heritage is given;
Nor lose they Earth who, single-hearted, seek
The righteousness of Heaven!

THE CHRISTIAN TOURISTS.

April (Fourth Month) 5.

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. REV. ii. 10.

Oh, small shall seem all sacrifice
And pain and loss,
When God shall wipe the weeping eyes,
For suffering give the victor's prize,
The crown for cross!

ANNIVERSARY POEM.

April (Fourth Month) 6.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth forever.

1 Pet. i. 24, 25.

Art builds on sand; the works of pride
And human passion change and fall;
But that which shares the life of God
With him surviveth all. Wordsworth.

April (Fourth Month) 7.

Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Cor. xv. 58.

The fixed star of his faith, through all
Loss, doubt, and peril, shone the same;
As through a night of storm, some tall,
Strong lighthouse lifts its steady flame.

Sumner.

April (Fourth Month) 8.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.

John xii. 26.

Our Friend, our Brother, and our Lord,
What may thy service be?

Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word,
But simply following thee. OUR MASTER.

April (Fourth Month) 9.

We are saved by hope. ROM. viii. 24.

If it is not permitted us to believe all things, we can at least hope them. Despair is infidelity and death. Temporally and spiritually, the declaration of inspiration holds good,—"We are saved by hope." UTOPIAN SCHEMES.

Ah, well! for us all some sweet hope lies
Deeply buried from human eyes;

And, in the hereafter, angels may
Roll the stone from its grave away!
MAUD MULLER.

April (Fourth Month) 10.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. PS. cxlv. 10.

So Nature keeps the reverent frame
With which her years began,
And all her signs and voices shame
The prayerless heart of man.
THE TENT ON THE BEACH.

April (Fourth Month) 11.

The darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. PS. cxxxix. 12.

Rejoice in hope! The day and night
  Are one with God, and one with them
  Who see by faith the cloudy hem
Of Judgment fringed with Mercy's light!

ASTRÆA AT THE CAPITOL.

April (Fourth Month) 12.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 JOHN iv. 10.

O Love Divine! — whose constant beam
  Shines on the eyes that will not see,
And waits to bless us, while we dream
  Thou leavest us because we turn from thee!

THE SHADOW AND THE LIGHT.

April (Fourth Month) 13.

Affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground.

JOB v. 6.

Yet trouble springs not from the ground,
    Nor pain from chance;
The Eternal order circles round,
And wave and storm find mete and bound
    In Providence. ANNIVERSARY POEM.

April (Fourth Month) 14.

But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup

that I shall drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

MATT. xx. 22.

How felt the Master when his chosen strove
In childish folly for their seats above;
And that fond mother, blinded by her love,
Besought him that her sons, beside his throne,
Might sit on either hand?

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

April (Fourth Month) 15.

The heart is deceitful above all things.

JER. xvii. 9.

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 COR. x. 12.

But the heart is deceitful, the good Book saith,
And life hath ever a savor of death.
Through hymns of triumph the tempter calls,
And whoso thinketh he standeth falls.

JOHN UNDERHILL.

April (Fourth Month) 16.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. HEB. iv. 13.

He alone, whose hand is bounding
Human power and human will,
Looking through each soul's surrounding,
Knows its good or ill.

WHAT THE VOICE SAID.

April (Fourth Month) 17.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Ps. xxxvi. 7.

Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.

Mal. iv. 2.

Life's changes vex, its discords stun,
Its glaring sunshine blindeth,
And blest is he who on his way
That fount of healing findeth.

The Well of Loch Maree.

April (Fourth Month) 18.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Rev. xv. 3.

A marvel seems the Universe,
A miracle our Life and Death;
A mystery which I cannot pierce,
Around, above, beneath.

The Wish of To-Day.

April (Fourth Month) 19.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Ps. xxiii. 2, 3.

For all her quiet life flowed on
As meadow streamlets flow,
Where fresher green reveals alone
The noiseless ways they go.

THE FRIEND'S BURIAL.

April (Fourth Month) 20.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. Ps. ciii. 17, 18.

Deep below, as high above,
Sweeps the circle of God's love.

THE GRAVE BY THE LAKE.

April (Fourth Month) 21.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

MATT. vi. 7, 8.

As, in life's best hours, we hear
By the spirit's finer ear
His low voice within us, thus
The All-Father heareth us;
And his holy ear we pain
With our noisy words and vain.

THE PRAYER OF AGASSIZ.

April (Fourth Month) 22.

Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

2 Cor. iv. 16.

Oh for that hidden strength which can
Nerve unto death the inner man!

To the Memory of Thomas Shipley.

April (Fourth Month) 23.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Ps. cxxxix. 11.

Heed how thou livest. Do no act by day
Which from the night shall drive thy peace away.

Conduct.

April (Fourth Month) 24.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

James iii. 17, 18.

Let me find in thy employ
Peace that dearer is than joy;
Out of self to love be led
And to heaven acclimated,
Until all things sweet and good
Seem my natural habitude.

Andrew Rykman's Prayer.

April (Fourth Month) 25.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you. MATT. v. 44.

Thank God! that I have lived to see the time
When the great truth begins at last to find
An utterance from the deep heart of mankind,
Earnest and clear, that "all Revenge is Crime."

LINES ON THE ABOLITION OF THE GALLOWS.

April (Fourth Month) 26.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

PS. CXXVI. 6.

And he saw ere his eye was darkened
The sheaves of the harvest-bringing,
And knew while his ear yet hearkened
The voice of the reapers singing.

G. L. S.

April (Fourth Month) 27.

Praise the Lord from the earth, . . . fire and hail; snow and vapors: stormy wind fulfilling his word: mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars. PS. CXLVIII. 7-9.

Is not Nature's worship thus,
Ceaseless ever, going on?

Hath it not a voice for us
  In the thunder, or the tone
Of the leaf-harp faint and small.

MOGG MEGONE.

April (Fourth Month) 28.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. REV. xiv. 13.

Still shines the light of holy lives
  Like star-beams over doubt;
Each sainted memory, Christlike, drives
  Some dark possession out.

WILLIAM FORSTER.

April (Fourth Month) 29.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna. REV. ii. 17.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. ISA. i. 19.

Though heralded with naught of fear,
  Or outward sign or show;
Though only to the inward ear
  It whispers soft and low;
Though dropping, as the manna fell,
  Unseen, yet from above,
Noiseless as dew-fall, heed it well, —
  Thy Father's call of love!

THE CALL OF THE CHRISTIAN.

April (Fourth Month) 30.

As having nothing, and yet possessing all things. 2 Cor. vi. 10.

Where the poor and needy of earth are rich in
the perfect love of God!

The Vaudois Teacher.

MAY.

May (Fifth Month) 1.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.

EPH. vi. 13.

In God's own might
We gird us for the coming fight,
And, strong in him whose cause is ours
In conflict with unholy powers,
We grasp the weapons he has given, —
The Light, and Truth, and Love of Heaven.

THE MORAL WARFARE.

May (Fifth Month) 2.

When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near.

MARK xiii. 28.

But warmer suns ere long shall bring
To life the frozen sod;
And, through dead leaves of hope, shall spring
Afresh the flowers of God!

THE MAYFLOWERS.

May (Fifth Month) 3.

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. 1 TIM. iv. 8.

Such was our friend. Formed on the good old plan,
A true and brave and downright honest man.

DANIEL NEALL.

May (Fifth Month) 4.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. ISA. xl. 31.

Thy symbol be the mountain-bird,
Whose glistening quill I hold;
Thy home the ample air of hope,
And memory's sunset gold!

ON RECEIVING AN EAGLE'S QUILL FROM LAKE SUPERIOR.

May (Fifth Month) 5.

Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evil-doers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 1 PET. iii. 16.

Sweet is the answer of a good conscience. He who pays his whole-hearted homage to truth and duty is not without his solace and enjoyment when to the eyes of others he seems the most lonely and miserable.

THE SCOTTISH REFORMERS.

May (Fifth Month) 6.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity

envieth not; seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. 1 Cor. xiii. 4, 5.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. v. 16.

With love rebuking, by his life alone,
Gracious and sweet the better way was shown.

The Pennsylvania Pilgrim.

May (Fifth Month) 7.

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

Cant. ii. 3.

No longer forward nor behind
I look in hope or fear;
But, grateful, take the good I find,
The best of now and here.

My Psalm.

May (Fifth Month) 8.

The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

James v. 11.

Unheard no burdened heart's appeal
Moans up to God's inclining ear;
Unheeded by his tender eye,
Falls to the earth no sufferer's tear.

The Legend of St. Mark.

May (Fifth Month) 9.

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. John x. 7.

The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. LUKE xix. 10.

Before no work of mortal hand,
Of human will or strength expand
The pearl gates of the Better Land;

Alone in that great love which gave
Life to the sleeper of the grave,
Resteth the power to "seek and save."

LINES.

May (Fifth Month) 10.

And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. ACTS vii. 60.

That gentleness, to which belongs
Forgiveness for its many wrongs,
Even as the primal martyr, kneeling
For mercy on the evil-dealing.

TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE.

May (Fifth Month) 11.

He that believeth . . . hath the witness in himself. 1 JOHN v. 10.

In joy of inward peace, or sense
Of sorrow over sin,
He is his own best evidence,
His witness is within. OUR MASTER.

May (Fifth Month) 12.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself : it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. JER. x. 23.

Knowest thou not all germs of evil
In thy heart await their time ?
Not thyself, but God's restraining,
Stays their growth of crime.

WHAT THE VOICE SAID.

May (Fifth Month) 13.

And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel ? 2 SAM. iii. 38.

The oak has fallen !
While, meet for no good work, the vine
May yet its worthless branches twine.
Who knoweth not that with thee fell
A great man in our Israel ?

DANIEL WHEELER.

May (Fifth Month) 14.

She hath done what she could. MARK xiv. 8.
Her children arise up, and call her blessed. PROV. xxxi. 28.

For still her holy living meant
No duty left undone ;
The heavenly and the human blent
Their kindred loves in one.

THE FRIEND'S BURIAL.

May (Fifth Month) 15.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. TITUS iii. 5.

Though oft, like letters traced on sand,
My weak resolves have passed away,
In mercy lend thy helping hand
Unto my prayer to-day!

THE WISH OF TO-DAY.

May (Fifth Month) 16.

Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates. 2 COR. xiii. 5.

Search thine own heart. What paineth thee
In others in thyself may be;
All dust is frail, all flesh is weak;
Be thou the true man thou dost seek!

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

May (Fifth Month) 17.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. PS. cxii. 6.

God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What he hath given;
They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly
As in his heaven.

TO MY FRIEND ON THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER.

May (Fifth Month) 18.

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. JOHN iv. 36.

Knowing this, that never yet
Share of Truth was vainly set
In the world's wide fallow;
After hands shall sow the seed,
After hands from hill and mead
Reap the harvests yellow.

BARCLAY OF URY.

May (Fifth Month) 19.

Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

ACTS xxiv. 25.

Spare me awhile; the flesh is weak.
These lingering feet, that fain would stray
Among the flowers, shall some day seek
The strait and narrow way. THE ANSWER.

May (Fifth Month) 20.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! ISA. lii. 7.

A glorious remnant linger yet,
Whose lips are wet at Freedom's fountains,

The coming of whose welcome feet
  Is beautiful upon our mountains!
Men, who the gospel tidings bring
  Of Liberty and Love forever,
Whose joy is an abiding spring,
  Whose peace is as a gentle river.

PASTORAL LETTER.

May (Fifth Month) 21.

If my people shall humble themselves, . . . and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin. 2 CHR. vii. 14.

Not with hatred's undertow
Doth the Love Eternal flow;
Every chain that spirits wear
Crumbles in the breath of prayer.

THE GRAVE BY THE LAKE.

May (Fifth Month) 22.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. JOHN xiv. 26.

The simple tastes, the kindly traits,
  The tranquil air, and gentle speech,
The silence of the soul that waits
  For more than man to teach.

MY NAMESAKE.

May (Fifth Month) 23.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Ps. cxlv. 18.

Why stretch beyond our proper sphere
And age, for that which lies so near?
Why climb the far-off hills with pain,
A nearer view of heaven to gain?

QUESTIONS OF LIFE.

May (Fifth Month) 24.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. MATT. vi. 22.

His faith and works, like streams that intermingle,
In the same channel ran:
The crystal clearness of an eye kept single
Shamed all the frauds of man.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOSEPH STURGE.

May (Fifth Month) 25.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. EPH. iv. 5, 6.

One holy name bearing, no longer they need
Credentials of party, and pass-words of creed:
The new song they sing hath a threefold accord,
And they own one baptism, one faith, and one Lord!

THE QUAKER ALUMNI.

May (Fifth Month) 26.

In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness, and in confidence shall be your strength. ISA. xxx. 15.

As waves in stillest waters,
As stars in noonday skies,
All that wakes to noble action
In his noon of calmness lies.

THE HERO.

May (Fifth Month) 27.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 COR. iii. 16.

For man the living temple is:
The mercy-seat and cherubim,
And all the holy mysteries,
He bears with him.

THE HERMIT OF THE THEBAID.

May (Fifth Month) 28.

When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. MICAH vii. 8.

So darkness, in the pathway of Man's life
Is but the shadow of God's providence,
By the great Sun of Wisdom cast thereon;
And what is dark below is light in Heaven.

TAULER.

May (Fifth Month) 29.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 1 COR. xvi. 13.

The Faith-sown seeds
Which ripen in the soil of love
To high heroic deeds. CHANNING.

May (Fifth Month) 30.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.
JOB xiii. 15.

Passive to his holy will,
Trust I in my Master still,
Even though he slay me.
BARCLAY OF URY.

May (Fifth Month) 31.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. GAL. vi. 2.

He only feels his burdens fall
Who, taught by suffering, pities all.
THE PRAYER-SEEKER.

JUNE.

June (Sixth Month) 1.

Thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth. Ps. lxxi. 5.

The Night is mother of the Day,
The Winter of the Spring,
And ever upon old Decay
The greenest mosses cling.
Behind the cloud the starlight lurks,
Through showers the sunbeams fall;
For God, who loveth all his works,
Has left his Hope with all!

A Dream of Summer.

June (Sixth Month) 2.

His tender mercies are over all his works. Ps. cxlv. 9.

Nor bounds, nor clime, nor creed thou know'st,
Wide as our need thy favors fall;
The white wings of the Holy Ghost
Stoop, seen or unseen, o'er the heads of all.

The Shadow and the Light.

June (Sixth Month) 3.

The harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. Matt. xiii. 39.

Homeward we go to Heaven's thanksgiving,
The harvest-gathering of the heart.

To Lydia Maria Child.

June (Sixth Month) 4.

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. Rom. vii. 6.

The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.
2 Cor. iii. 6.

In bondage to the letter still,
We give it power to cramp and kill, —
To tax God's fulness with a scheme
Narrower than Peter's house-top dream,
His wisdom and his love with plans
Poor and inadequate as man's.

Miriam.

June (Sixth Month) 5.

For I know that in me dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do. Rom. vii. 18, 19.

Alas! — the evil which we fain would shun
We do, and leave the wished-for good undone.

The Reward.

June (Sixth Month) 6.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy

presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Ps. xvi. 11.

I grieve not with the moaning wind
As if a loss befell;
Before me, even as behind,
God is, and all is well!

MY BIRTHDAY.

June (Sixth Month) 7.

God is no respecter of persons.

ACTS x. 34.

Beneath thy broad, impartial eye,
How fade the lines of caste and birth!
How equal in their suffering lie
The groaning multitudes of earth!

DEMOCRACY.

June (Sixth Month) 8.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me? Ps. cxvi. 12.

For such gifts to me
What shall I render, O my God, to thee?
Let me not dwell upon my lighter share
Of pain and ill that human life must bear;
Save me from selfish pining; let my heart,
Drawn from itself in sympathy, forget
The bitter longings of a vain regret,
The anguish of its own peculiar smart.

THE PRISONERS OF NAPLES.

June (Sixth Month) 9.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. PS. xix. 12.

As thou hast made thy world without,
Make thou more fair my world within;
Shine through its lingering clouds of doubt;
Rebuke its haunting shapes of sin.

THE CLEAR VISION.

June (Sixth Month) 10.

But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. MATT. v. 39

Yet, with calm and stately mien,
Up the streets of Aberdeen
Came he slowly riding:
And, to all he saw and heard,
Answering not with bitter word,
Turning not for chiding.

BARCLAY OF URY.

June (Sixth Month) 11.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment; yea, I judge not mine own self. 1 COR. iv. 2, 3.

The heart ever open to Charity's claim,
Unmoved from its purpose by censure and blame.

A LAMENT.

June (Sixth Month) 12.

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

MATT. x. 1.

So shalt thou be with power endued
From him who went about
The Syrian hillsides doing good,
And casting demons out. THE HEALER.

June (Sixth Month) 13.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 JOHN iv. 9.

God is Love, saith the Evangel; and our world of woe and sin
Is made light and happy only when a Love is shining in. THE SLAVES OF MARTINIQUE.

June (Sixth Month) 14.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way.

Ps. xxxvii. 23.

The unscared bird
Sang at his side; scarcely the squirrel stirred
At his hushed footstep on the mossy sod;

And, wheresoe'er the good man looked or trod,
He felt the peace of nature and of God.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

June (Sixth Month) 15.

I delight in the law of God after the inward man; but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin.

ROM. vii. 22, 23.

Lord, what is man, whose thought, at times,
Up to thy sevenfold brightness climbs,
While still his grosser instinct clings
To earth, like other creeping things!

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

June (Sixth Month) 16.

I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me; for when I am weak, then am I strong. 2 COR. xii. 9, 10.

We are weak, but thou art strong;
Short our lives, but thine is long;
We are blind, but thou hast eyes;
We are fools, but thou art wise!

SONG OF SLAVES IN THE DESERT.

June (Sixth Month) 17.

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. MAL. iii. 3.

Even so, Father! Let thy will be done,—
Turn and o'erturn, end what thou hast begun
In judgment or in mercy. WHAT OF THE DAY.

June (Sixth Month) 18.

What is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. JAMES iv. 14.

Ah! life is brief, though love be long;
The altar and the bier,
The burial hymn and bridal song,
Were both in one short year!

THE COUNTESS.

June (Sixth Month) 19.

Now also, when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not. Ps. lxxi. 18.

Be near me in mine hours of need
To soothe, or cheer, or warn,
And down these slopes of sunset lead
As up the hills of morn!

MY BIRTHDAY.

June (Sixth Month) 20.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ. EPH. iv. 5-7.

One faith alone, so broad that all mankind
Within themselves its secret witness find.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

June (Sixth Month) 21.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

PS. CXIX. 75.

I dimly guess from blessings known
Of greater out of sight,
And, with the chastened Psalmist, own
His judgments too are right.

THE ETERNAL GOODNESS.

June (Sixth Month) 22.

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 SAM. XVI. 7.

Man judges from a partial view,
None ever yet his brother knew;
The Eternal Eye that sees the whole
May better read the darkened soul,
And find, to outward sense denied,
The flower upon its inmost side!

THE PRESSED GENTIAN.

June (Sixth Month) 23.

What! could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. MATT. XXVI. 40, 41.

O thou, who in the garden's shade
  Didst wake thy weary ones again,
Who slumbered at that fearful hour
  Forgetful of thy pain ;

Bend o'er us now, as over them,
  And set our sleep-bound spirits free,
Nor leave us slumbering in the watch
  Our souls should keep with thee !

THE CYPRESS-TREE OF CEYLON.

June (Sixth Month) 24.

In the way of righteousness is life ; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

PROV. xii. 28.

Not upon thee or thine the solemn angel
  Hath evil wrought :
Her funeral anthem is a glad evangel, —
  The good die not !

TO MY FRIEND ON THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER.

June (Sixth Month) 25.

Keep silence before me, O islands ; and let the people renew their strength. ISA. xli. 1.

With smile of trust and folded hands,
The passive soul in waiting stands
To feel, as flowers the sun and dew,
The One true Life its own renew.

THE MEETING.

June (Sixth Month) 26.

She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. 1 Tim. v. 6.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. vi. 19–21.

What, my soul, was thy errand here?
Was it mirth or ease,
Or heaping up dust from year to year?
"Nay, none of these!"

My Soul and I.

June (Sixth Month) 27.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. vii. 21.

But holding, as in his Master's sight,
Act and thought to the inner light,
The round of his simple duties walked,
And strove to live what the others talked.

The Preacher.

June (Sixth Month) 28.

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time. Eccl. iii. 11.

No unbefitting task was thine
  To weave these flowers so soft and fair
In unison with his design
  Who loveth beauty everywhere ;
And makes in every zone and clime,
  In ocean and in upper air,
"All things beautiful in their time."

TO A. K. ON RECEIVING A BASKET OF SEA-MOSSES.

June (Sixth Month) 29.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten ; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow : for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

PS. XC. 10.

Not mindless of the growing years
  Of care and loss and pain,
My eyes are wet with thankful tears
  For blessings which remain.

MY BIRTHDAY.

June (Sixth Month) 30.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect ; for all his ways are judgment : a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

DEUT. XXXII. 4.

The steps of Faith
Fall on the seeming void, and find
  The rock beneath. MY SOUL AND I.

JULY.

July (Seventh Month) 1.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

MATT. xviii. 20.

Heart answers heart: in one desire
The blending lines of prayer aspire;
"Where, in my name, meet two or three,"
Our Lord hath said, "I there will be!"

THE MEETING.

July (Seventh Month) 2.

My speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. DEUT. xxxii. 2.

Unspoken homilies of peace
Her daily life is preaching;
The still refreshment of the dew
Is her unconscious teaching.

AMONG THE HILLS.

July (Seventh Month) 3.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. HEB. xiii. 8.

Unchanged by our changes of spirit and frame,
Past, now, and henceforward the Lord is the same;

Though we sink in the darkness, his arms break
our fall,
And in death as in life, he is Father of all!

THE QUAKER ALUMNI.

July (Seventh Month) 4.

The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. JOHN xiv. 17.

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. MATT. xxviii. 20.

Yet Loved of the Father, thy Spirit is near
To the meek, and the lowly, and penitent
here;
And the voice of thy love is the same even
now,
As at Bethany's tomb or on Olivet's brow.

PALESTINE.

July (Seventh Month) 5.

In the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. MATT. xiii. 30.

Take heart! — the Waster builds again, —
A charmed life old Goodness hath;
The tares may perish, — but the grain
Is not for death. THE REFORMER.

July (Seventh Month) 6.

He that watereth shall be watered also himself. PROV. xi. 25.

He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 COR. ix. 6.

And ours the grateful service whence
Comes, day by day, the recompense;
The hope, the trust, the purpose stayed,
The fountain and the noonday shade.

SEED-TIME AND HARVEST.

July (Seventh Month) 7.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. JAMES i. 17.

The full joy of Heaven
Knoweth no change of waning or increase;
The great heart of the Infinite beats even,
Untroubled flows the river of his peace.

WORSHIP.

July (Seventh Month) 8.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

PS. xc. 8.

Our thoughts lie open to thy sight;
And, naked to thy glance,
Our secret sins are in the light
Of thy pure countenance. OUR MASTER.

July (Seventh Month) 9.

It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing. GAL. iv. 18.

Soft words, smooth prophecies, are doubtless well;
But to rebuke the age's popular crime,
We need the souls of fire, the hearts of that old time! THE MEN OF OLD.

July (Seventh Month) 10.

In every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God. PHIL. iv. 6.

O strong, upwelling prayers of faith,
From inmost founts of life ye start, —
The spirit's pulse, the vital breath
Of soul and heart!

From pastoral toil, from traffic's din,
Alone, in crowds, at home, abroad,
Unheard of man, ye enter in
The ear of God.

THE HERMIT OF THE THEBAID.

July (Seventh Month) 11.

Peace be to thine helpers.

1 CHR. xii. 18.

There are, who, like the Seer of old,
Can see the helpers God has sent,

And how life 's rugged mountain-side
Is white with many an angel tent!

THE LEGEND OF ST. MARK.

July (Seventh Month) 12.

Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised. PROV. xxxi. 30.

Flowers spring to blossom where she walks
The careful ways of duty;
Our hard, stiff lines of life with her
Are flowing curves of beauty.

AMONG THE HILLS.

July (Seventh Month) 13.

Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where wroughtest thou? RUTH ii. 19.

What hast thou wrought for Right and Truth,
For God and Man,
From the golden hours of bright-eyed youth
To life's mid span? MY SOUL AND I.

July (Seventh Month) 14.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. TITUS ii. 12.

It must be that he witnesses
Somehow to all men that he is:

That something of his saving grace
Reaches the lowest of the race,
Who, through strange creed and rite, may draw
The hints of a diviner law. MIRIAM.

July (Seventh Month) 15.

To do good, and to communicate, forget not.
HEB. xiii. 16.

The meal unshared is food unblest:
Thou hoard'st in vain what love should spend;
Self-ease is pain; thy only rest
Is labor for a worthy end. THE VOICES.

July (Seventh Month) 16.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. REV. iv. 11.

The praise, O Lord! is thine alone,
In thy own way thy work is done!
Our poor gifts at thy feet we cast,
To whom be glory, first and last! HYMN.

July (Seventh Month) 17.

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. PHIL. iii. 12.

Let the thick curtain fall ;
I better know than all
How little I have gained,
How vast the unattained.

MY TRIUMPH.

July (Seventh Month) 18.

The fear of man bringeth a snare : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

PROV. xxix. 25.

O Lord ! support thy handmaid ; and from her soul cast out
The fear of man, which brings a snare, — the weakness and the doubt.

CASSANDRA SOUTHWICK.

July (Seventh Month) 19.

By much slothfulness the building decayeth ; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through. ECCL. x. 18.

Methinks the spirit's temper grows
Too soft in this still air ;
Somewhat the restful heart foregoes
Of needed watch and prayer.

The bark by tempest vainly tossed
May founder in the calm,
And he who braved the polar frost
Faint by the isles of balm. MY BIRTHDAY.

July (Seventh Month) 20.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.

1 Tim. vi. 17.

But prompt with kindly word and deed
To own the claims of all who need.

Red Riding-Hood.

July (Seventh Month) 21.

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Matt. xxvi. 52.

"Put up the sword!" The voice of Christ once more
Speaks, in the pauses of the cannon's roar. . . .
O men and brothers! let that voice be heard,
War fails, try peace; put up the useless sword.

Disarmament.

July (Seventh Month) 22.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. Ps. ciii. 13.

The dear God hears and pities all;
He knoweth all our wants;
And what we blindly ask of him
His love withholds or grants.

The Common Question.

July (Seventh Month) 23.

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master, and the servant as his lord.

MATT. x. 25.

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him.

2 TIM. ii. 12.

Prayers of love like rain-drops fall,
Tears of pity and cooling dew,
And dear to the heart of our Lord are all
Who suffer like him in the good they do!

THE ROBIN.

July (Seventh Month) 24.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. PROV. xvi. 32.

To the reformer, in an especial manner, comes home the truth that whoso ruleth his own spirit is greater than he who taketh a city. Patience, hope, charity, watchfulness unto prayer, — how needful are all these to his success! THE SCOTTISH REFORMERS.

July (Seventh Month) 25.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

HEB. xiii. 2.

His door was free to men of every name,
He welcomed all the seeking souls who came,
And no man's faith he made a cause of blame.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

July (Seventh Month) 26.

Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

MATT. xi. 3.

Still struggles in the Age's breast
With deepening agony of quest
The old entreaty: "Art thou he,
Or look we for the Christ to be?"

THE MEETING.

July (Seventh Month) 27.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ROM. vi. 11.

Hope not the cure of sin till Self is dead;
Forget it in Love's service, and the debt
Thou canst not pay the angels shall forget.

THE TWO RABBIS.

July (Seventh Month) 28.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

JOHN iii. 19.

He giveth day : thou hast thy choi
To walk in darkness still ;

As one who, turning from the light
Watches his own gray shadow fa
Doubting, upon his path of night,
If there be day at all ! T

July (Seventh Month) 29.

Thou art near, O Lord, and all thy
ments are truth. P

I reverence old-time faith and m
But God is near us now as then ;
His force of love is still unspent,
His hate of sin as imminent.

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July (Seventh Month) 30.

For what is your life ? it is even a
appeareth for a little time, and then
away. J

What matters it ! — a few years
Life's surge so restless heretofore
Shall break upon the unknown sh

In that far land shall disappear
The shadows which we follow her
The mist-wreaths of our atmosphe

LINES WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF A

July (Seventh Month) 31.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

ACTS xvii. 29, 30.

As in that child-world's early year,
  Each after age has striven
By music, incense, vigils drear,
And trance, to bring the skies more near,
  Or lift men up to Heaven!—

. . . . . .

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
  Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
  In deeper reverence, praise.

THE BREWING OF SOMA.

AUGUST.

August (Eighth Month) 1.

Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thy altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. ROM. xi. 3.

Amidst his own
A stranger oft companionless and lone,
God's priest and prophet stands.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

August (Eighth Month) 2.

God hath made of one blood all nations of men. ACTS xvii. 26.

And this commandment have we from him,
That he who loveth God love his brother also.

1 JOHN iv. 21.

The Christian's love for human kind,
To caste and climate unconfined.

THE WORLD'S CONVENTION.

August (Eighth Month) 3.

Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous. 1 PET. iii. 8.

If there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on;

If a blinder soul there be,
Let me guide him nearer thee.
ANDREW RYKMAN'S PRAYER.

August (Eighth Month) 4.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things.
REV. xxi. 7.

But nobler is that triumph hour
The disenthralled shall find,
When evil passion boweth down,
Unto the Godlike mind!
THE DISENTHRALLED.

August (Eighth Month) 5.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass. PS. xxxvii. 5.

God give us grace
Each in his place
To bear his lot,
And murmuring not,
Endure and wait and labor!
LUTHER'S HYMN.

August (Eighth Month) 6.

Woe unto him who buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong.
JER. xxii. 13.

Your hoards are great, your walls are strong,
But God is just;
The gilded chambers built by wrong
Invite the rust. MOLOCH IN STATE STREET.

August (Eighth Month) 7.

I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me. Ps. xl. 17.

In vain I task my aching brain,
In vain the sage's thought I scan;
I only feel how weak and vain,
How poor and blind, is man.

THE WISH OF TO-DAY.

August (Eighth Month) 8.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. GAL. vi. 7.

We shape ourselves the joy or fear
Of which the coming life is made,
And fill our Future's atmosphere
With sunshine or with shade. RAPHAEL.

August (Eighth Month) 9.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison.

1 PETER iii. 18, 19.

Still thy love, O Christ arisen,
Yearns to reach these souls in prison!
Through all depths of sin and loss
Drops the plummet of thy cross!

Never yet abyss was found
Deeper than that cross could sound!

THE GRAVE BY THE LAKE.

August (Eighth Month) 10.

First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

MATT. vii. 5.

Woe unto him who judges and forgets
What hidden evil his own heart besets.

MIRIAM.

August (Eighth Month) 11.

And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

2 KINGS v. 13.

Easier to smite with Peter's sword
Than "watch one hour" in humbling prayer.
Life 's "great things," like the Syrian lord,
Our hearts can do and dare.

But oh! we shrink from Jordan's side,
From waters which alone can save;
And murmur for Abana's banks
And Pharpar's brighter wave.

THE CYPRESS-TREE OF CEYLON.

August (Eighth Month) 12.

Why stand ye here all the day idle?

MATT. xx. 6

There 's life alone in duty done,
And rest alone in striving.

SONGS OF LABOR

August (Eighth Month) 13.

Remembering without ceasing your work faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 THESS. i. 3

Through this dark and stormy night
Faith beholds a feeble light
Up the blackness streaking;
Knowing God's own time is best,
In a patient hope I rest
For the full day-breaking!

BARCLAY OF URY

August (Eighth Month) 14.

The path of the just is as the shining ligh that shineth more and more unto the perfe day. PROV. iv. 18

Her path shall brighten more and more
Unto the perfect day;
She cannot fail of peace who bore
Such peace with her away.

THE FRIEND'S BURIAL

August (Eighth Month) 15.

Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth.

HEB. xii. 6

Break forth, my lips, in praise, and own
  The wiser love severely kind ;
Since, richer for its chastening grown,
  I see, whereas I once was blind.

THE CLEAR VISION.

August (Eighth Month) 16.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able ; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 COR. x. 13.

And no man measures in advance
His strength with untried circumstance.

OVERRULED.

August (Eighth Month) 17.

I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 TIM. ii. 8.

He needs no special place of prayer
Whose hearing ear is everywhere.

THE MEETING.

August (Eighth Month) 18.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

NUM. xxiii. 10.

O for the death the righteous die !
  An end, like autumn's day declining,
On human hearts, as on the sky,
  With holier, tenderer beauty shining ;

As to the parting soul were given
The radiance of an opening Heaven!

TO THE MEMORY OF THOMAS SHIPLEY.

August (Eighth Month) 19.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

Ps. xxxvii. 37.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Ps. cxvi. 15.

God giveth quietness at last!
The common way that all have passed
She went, with mortal yearnings fond,
To fuller life and love beyond.

THE SINGER.

August (Eighth Month) 20.

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

1 PET. iii. 13.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Ps. xci. 1.

And so beside the Silent Sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

THE ETERNAL GOODNESS.

August (Eighth Month) 21.

And he called his ten servants, and delivered

them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. LUKE xix. 13.

I only know
My present duty, and my Lord's command
To occupy till he come. ABRAHAM DAVENPORT.

August (Eighth Month) 22.

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
COL. iii. 13.

For still in mutual sufferance lies
The secret of true living:
Love scarce is love that never knows
The sweetness of forgiving.
AMONG THE HILLS.

August (Eighth Month) 23.

Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days. ECCL. xi. 1.

Yet, unforgotten where it lies,
That seed of generous sacrifice,
Though seeming on the desert cast,
Shall rise with bloom and fruit at last.
THE CROSS.

August (Eighth Month) 24.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
1 COR. iii. 16.

Invisible and silent stands
The temple never made with hands,
Unheard the voices still and small
Of its unseen confessional. THE MEETING.

August (Eighth Month) 25.

The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? JOHN xviii. 11.

To-day, beneath thy chastening eye
I crave alone for peace and rest,
Submissive in thy hand to lie,
And feel that it is best.

THE WISH OF TO-DAY.

August (Eighth Month) 26.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. Ps. cxiii. 13, 14.

All as God wills, who wisely heeds
To give or to withhold,
And knoweth more of all my needs,
Than all my prayers have told!

MY PSALM.

August (Eighth Month) 27.

If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day: and the Lord shall guide thee con-

tinually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. ISA. lviii. 10, 11.

A life of beauty lends to all it sees
The beauty of its thought;
And fairest forms, and sweetest harmonies
Make glad its way, unsought.

THE CHRISTIAN TOURISTS.

August (Eighth Month) 28.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

PROV. xxvii. 1.

To-morrow is with God alone,
And man hath but to-day.

THE ANSWER.

August (Eighth Month) 29.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. PS. xxiii. 4.

We know not, it is true, the conditions of our future life; we know not what it is to pass from this state of being to another; but before us in that dark passage has gone the Man of Nazareth, and the light of his footsteps lingers in the path. Where he, our Brother in his

humanity, our Redeemer in his divine nature, has gone, let us not fear to follow.

HAMLET AMONG THE GRAVES.

August (Eighth Month) 30.

The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works. Ps. cxlv. 9.

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

THE ETERNAL GOODNESS.

August (Eighth Month) 31.

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

LUKE xxiii. 44, 45.

That Sacrifice! — the death of him, —
The High and ever Holy One!
Well may the conscious Heaven grow dim,
And blacken the beholding Sun.
The wonted light hath fled away,
Night settles on the middle day,
And earthquake from his caverned bed
Is waking with a thrill of dread!

THE CRUCIFIXION.

SEPTEMBER.

September (Ninth Month) 1.

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. JER. viii. 20.

Who, looking backward from his manhood's prime,
Sees not the spectre of his misspent time?
And, through the shade
Of funeral cypress planted thick behind,
Hears no reproachful whisper on the wind
From his loved dead? THE REWARD.

September (Ninth Month) 2.

A bruised reed shall he not break. ISA. xlii. 3.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. ISA. xl. 29.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed he will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.
THE ETERNAL GOODNESS.

September (Ninth Month) 3.

And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid and sick of a

fever. And he touched her hand and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. MATT. viii. 14, 15.

So stood of old the holy Christ
Amidst the suffering throng;
With whom his lightest touch sufficed
To make the weakest strong.

THE HEALER.

September (Ninth Month) 4.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. PS. xlvi. 1.

The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. GAL. ii. 20.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee. OUR MASTER.

September (Ninth Month) 5.

Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? JOB ii. 10.

I have learned, in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content. PHIL. iv. 11.

Forever from the Hand that takes
One blessing from us others fall;
And, soon or late, our Father makes
His perfect recompense to all!

SUMMER BY THE LAKESIDE.

September (Ninth Month) 6.

What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of Hosts. ISA. iii. 15.

Woe, then, to all who grind
Their brethren of a common Father down!
To all who plunder from the immortal mind
Its bright and glorious crown.

CLERICAL OPPRESSORS.

September (Ninth Month) 7.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. REV. ii. 7.

That all the paths of faith, though severed wide,
O'er which the feet of prayerful reverence passed,
Met at the gate of Paradise at last. MIRIAM.

September (Ninth Month) 8.

Peter, seeing him, saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, What is that to thee? follow thou me.

JOHN xxi. 21, 22.

Midst soulless forms, and false pretense
Of spiritual pride and pampered sense,
A voice saith, "What is that to thee?
Be true thyself, and follow me!"

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

September (Ninth Month) 9.

Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with: it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

ISA. i. 13.

Alas for the preacher's cherished schemes!
Mission and church are now but dreams;
Nor prayer nor fasting availed the plan
To honor God through the wrong of man.

THE PREACHER.

September (Ninth Month) 10.

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

1 TIM. v. 8.

Christ's love rebukes no home-love, breaks no
tie of kin apart;
Better heresy in doctrine, than heresy of heart.

MARY GARVIN.

September (Ninth Month) 11.

Be ye not slothful but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

HEB. vi. 12.

Better to stem with heart and hand
The roaring tide of life, than lie,
Unmindful, on the flowery strand,
Of God's occasions drifting by!

THE LAST WALK IN AUTUMN.

September (Ninth Month) 12.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. Ps. cxii. 6.

For he who blesses most is blest ;
And God and man shall own his worth
Who toils to leave as his bequest
An added beauty to the earth.

LINES FOR AN AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION AT AMESBURY.

September (Ninth Month) 13.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. Ps. xxxvii. 7.

And now my spirit sighs for home,
And longs for light whereby to see,
And, like a weary child, would come,
O Father, unto thee !

THE WISH OF TO-DAY.

September (Ninth Month) 14.

The Lord taketh pleasure in his people : he will beautify the meek with salvation. Ps. cxlix. 4.

And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. MATT. xxviii. 20.

Yet loved of the Father, thy Spirit is near
To the meek, and the lowly, and penitent here :
And the voice of thy love is the same even now,
As at Bethany's tomb, or on Olivet's brow.

PALESTINE.

September (Ninth Month) 15.

Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. JOB iv. 4.

In the economy of God, no effort, however small, put forth for the right cause, fails of its effect. No voice, however feeble, lifted up for truth, ever dies amidst the confused voices of time. THE SCOTTISH REFORMERS.

September (Ninth Month) 16.

And the angel said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And Jacob said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. GEN. xxxii. 26.

The Present, the Present is all thou hast
For thy sure possessing;
Like the patriarch's angel hold it fast
Till it gives its blessing.

MY SOUL AND I.

What is really momentous and all-important with us is the present, by which the future is shaped and colored. THE BETTER LAND.

September (Ninth Month) 17.

Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. PS. li. 16, 17.

How vain, secure in all thou art,
Our noisy championship! —
The sighing of the contrite heart
Is more than flattering lip.

OUR MASTER.

September (Ninth Month) 18.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it. PS. xxxix. 9.

With silence only as their benediction,
God's angels come
Where, in the shadow of a great affliction,
The soul sits dumb!

TO MY FRIEND ON THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER.

September (Ninth Month) 19.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. PROV. iii. 27.

Yet who, thus looking backward o'er his years,
Feels not his eyelids wet with grateful tears,
If he hath been
Permitted, weak and sinful as he was,
To cheer and aid, in some ennobling cause,
His fellow-men? THE REWARD.

September (Ninth Month) 20.

There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. JOB xiv. 7.

But life, though falling like our grain,
Like that revives and springs again ;
And, early called, how blest are they
Who wait in heaven their harvest-day !

SEED-TIME AND HARVEST.

September (Ninth Month) 21.

Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. JAMES iii. 16.

How wearily the grind of toil goes on
Where love is wanting, how the eye and ear
And heart are starved amidst the plenitude
Of nature, and how hard and colorless
Is life without an atmosphere.

AMONG THE HILLS.

September (Ninth Month) 22.

Lord, I believe ; help thou mine unbelief.

MARK ix. 24.

I do believe, and yet, in grief,
I pray for help to unbelief ;
For needful strength aside to lay
The daily cumberings of my way.

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

September (Ninth Month) 23.

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness ; and thy paths drop fatness.

PS. lxv. 8–11.

O favors every year made new!
O gifts with rain and sunshine sent!
The bounty overruns our due,
The fulness shames our discontent.

FOR AN AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

September (Ninth Month) 24.

What hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

1 COR. iv. 7.

No offering of my own I have,
Nor works my faith to prove;
I can but give the gifts he gave,
And plead his love for love.

THE ETERNAL GOODNESS.

September (Ninth Month) 25.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 1 COR. xii. 4.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 COR. iii. 17.

For there was freedom in that wakening time
Of tender souls; to differ was not crime;
The varying bells made up the perfect chime.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

September (Ninth Month) 26.

Our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us.

EZRA ix. 9.

Doubt not the love that fain would break
The fetters from thy self-bound limb;
Nor dream that God can thee forsake
As thou forsakest him! THE ANSWER.

September (Ninth Month) 27.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 TIM. ii. 3.

Well to suffer is divine;
Pass the watchword down the line,
Pass the countersign: "ENDURE."
Not to him who rashly dares,
But to him who nobly bears,
Is the victor's garland sure.

BURIAL OF BARBOUR.

September (Ninth Month) 28.

Pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. JAMES i. 27.

Thanks for our privilege to bless,
By word and deed,
The widow in her keen distress,
The childless and the fatherless,
The hearts that bleed!

ANNIVERSARY POEM.

September (Ninth Month) 29.

For, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

LUKE xvii. 21.

We should not forget that "the kingdom of heaven is within;" that it is the state and affections of the soul, the answer of a good conscience, the sense of harmony with God, a condition of time as well as of eternity.

THE BETTER LAND.

So sometimes comes to soul and sense
The feeling which is evidence
That very near about us lies
The realm of spiritual mysteries.

THE MEETING.

September (Ninth Month) 30.

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. ROM. xii. 11.

No duty could overtask him,
No need his will outrun;
Or ever our lips could ask him,
His hands the work had done.

G. L. S.

OCTOBER.

October (Tenth Month) 1.

And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing. LUKE xii. 42, 43.

Death will find us soon or later,
On the deck, or in the cot;
And we cannot meet him better
Than in working out our lot.

SONGS OF LABOR.

October (Tenth Month) 2.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Ps. cxlv. 18.

By inward sense, by outward signs,
God's presence still the heart divines.

MIRIAM.

October (Tenth Month) 3.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn: they shout for joy, they also sing. Ps. lxv. 13.

But let the good old crop adorn
The hills our fathers trod;

Still let us, for his golden corn,
Send up our thanks to God!

CORN-SONG.

October (Tenth Month) 4.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. He that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

GAL. vi. 7, 8.

The tissue of the Life to be
We weave with colors all our own,
And in the field of Destiny
We reap as we have sown. RAPHAEL.

October (Tenth Month) 5.

For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. HOS. vi. 6.

Worship's deeper meaning lies
In mercy, and not sacrifice,
Not proud humilities of sense
And posturing of penitence,
But love's unforced obedience.

THE MEETING.

October (Tenth Month) 6.

Ye have need of patience; that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. HEB. x. 36.

God's ways seem dark, but soon or late,
They touch the shining hills of day;
The evil cannot brook delay,
The good can well afford to wait. LINES.

October (Tenth Month) 7.

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. ROM. xiv. 13.

He felt that wrong with wrong partakes,
That nothing stands alone,
That whoso gives the motive, makes
His brother's sin his own.
THE QUAKER OF THE OLDEN TIME.

October (Tenth Month) 8.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.
PHIL. iv. 6.

But bowed in lowliness of mind,
I make my humble wishes known—
I only ask a will resigned,
O Father, to thine own!
THE WISH OF TO-DAY.

October (Tenth Month) 9.

They that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.
1 COR. vii. 31.

Their single aim the purpose to fulfil
    Of Truth, from day to day,
Simply obedient to its guiding will,
    They held their pilgrim way.
Yet dream not, hence, the beautiful and old
    Were wasted on their sight,
Who in the school of Christ had learned to hold
    All outward things aright.

THE CHRISTIAN TOURISTS.

October (Tenth Month) 10.

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

JOHN iv. 35.

Up, then, my brother! Lo, the fields of harvest
    Lie white in view!

TO MY FRIEND ON THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER.

October (Tenth Month) 11.

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer. ROM. xii. 12.

Torn apart, and driven forth
    To our toiling hard and long,
Father! from the dust of earth
    Lift we still our grateful song!
Grateful, — that in bonds we share
    In thy love which maketh free;
Joyful, — that the wrongs we bear,
    Draw us nearer, Lord, to thee!

THE FAMILIST'S HYMN.

October (Tenth Month) 12.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. JOHN xi. 25.

A Voice grows with the growing years ;
Earth, hushing down her bitter cry,
Looks upward from her graves, and hears,
"The resurrection and the life am I."

THE SHADOW AND THE LIGHT.

October (Tenth Month) 13.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. GAL. v. 22, 23.

The work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. ISA. xxxii. 17.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease ;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

THE BREWING OF SOMA.

October (Tenth Month) 14.

All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes ; but the Lord weigheth the spirits.

PROV. xvi. 2.

Forever ours ! for good or ill, on us the burden lies ;

God's balance, watched by angels, is hung
across the skies. THE CR.SIS.

October (Tenth Month) 15.

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. LUKE xviii. 13.

Other lips may well be bold ;
Like the publican of old,
I can only urge the plea,
"Lord, be merciful to me !"

ANDREW RYKMAN'S PRAYER.

October (Tenth Month) 16.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind ; is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.

1 COR. xiii. 4, 5.

So, when thoughts of evil-doers
Waken scorn, or hatred move,
Shall a mournful fellow-feeling
Temper all with love.

WHAT THE VOICE SAID.

October (Tenth Month) 17.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. There is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

PS. cxxxix. 1, 4.

God's providence is not blind, but, full of eyes,
It searches all the refuges of lies.

GARIBALDI.

October (Tenth Month) 18.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. MATT. XXV. 40.

The dear Christ dwelleth not afar,
The king of some remoter star, . . .
But here, amidst the poor and blind,
The bound and suffering of our kind,
In works we do, in prayers we pray,
Life of our life, he lives to-day.

THE MEETING.

October (Tenth Month) 19.

I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound : every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

PHIL. iv. 12, 13.

Through deepest joy of him we learn,
In sorest grief, to Him we turn. MIRIAM.

October (Tenth Month) 20.

While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease.

GEN. viii. 22.

The years no charm from Nature take;
As sweet her voices call,
As beautiful her mornings break,
As fair her evenings fall. MY BIRTHDAY.

October (Tenth Month) 21.

To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward. PROV. xi. 18.

Who calls thy glorious service hard?
Who deems it not its own reward?
Who, for its trials, counts it less
A cause of praise and thankfulness?
SEED-TIME AND HARVEST.

October (Tenth Month) 22.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
ROM. viii. 18.

And he who sees the future sure,
The baffling present may endure,
And bless, meanwhile, the unseen Hand that leads
The heart's desire beyond the halting step of deeds. THE LAST WALK IN AUTUMN.

October (Tenth Month) 23.

Though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Cor. v. 16, 17.

Nor holy bread, nor blood of grape,
The lineaments restore
Of him we know in outward shape
And in the flesh no more.

Our Master.

October (Tenth Month) 24.

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Cor. v. 7.

Within himself he found the law of right,
He walked by faith and not the letter's sight,
And read his Bible by the Inward Light.

The Pennsylvania Pilgrim.

He who would benefit his fellow-man must "walk by faith," sowing his seed in the morning, and in the evening withholding not his hand. Scottish Reformers.

October (Tenth Month) 25.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt. xi. 29, 30.

"The cross, if rightly borne, shall be
No burden, but support to thee;"

So, moved of old time for our sake,
The holy monk of Kempen spake.

THE CROSS.

October (Tenth Month) 26.

Let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for his mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man. 2 SAM. xxiv. 14.

Ah! well of old the Psalmist prayed,
"Thy hand, not man's, on me be laid!"
Earth frowns below, Heaven weeps above,
And man is hate, but God is love!

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

October (Tenth Month) 27.

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2 THESS. iii. 3, 5.

Only in the gathered silence
Of a calm and waiting frame
Light and wisdom as from Heaven
To the seeker came. TO ——.

October (Tenth Month) 28.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

GAL. vi. 9.

And, soon or late, to all that sow,
The time of harvest shall be given;
The flower shall bloom, the fruit shall grow,
If not on earth, at last in heaven.

LINES FOR AN AGRICULTURAL FESTIVAL.

October (Tenth Month) 29.

When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? JOB xxxiv. 29.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

THE BREWING OF SOMA.

October (Tenth Month) 30.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. GAL. vi. 1.

Revile him not, — the Tempter hath
A snare for all;
And pitying tears, not scorn and wrath,
Befit his fall!

ICHABOD.

October (Tenth Month) 31.

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the

seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. MARK iv. 26, 27.

It may not be our lot to wield
The sickle in the ripened field ;
Nor ours to hear on summer eves,
The reaper's song among the sheaves.

Yet where our duty's task is wrought
In unison with God's great thought,
The near and future blend in one,
And whatsoe'er is willed, is done !

SEED-TIME AND HARVEST.

NOVEMBER.

November (Eleventh Month) 1.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. JOHN xiv. 18, 19.

Not a vain and cold ideal,
Not a poet's dream alone,
But a presence warm and real,
Seen and felt and known. To ——.

November (Eleventh Month) 2.

There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 1 JOHN v. 7.

Revealed in love and sacrifice,
The Holiest passed before thine eyes,
One and the same, in threefold guise.

The equal Father in rain and sun,
His Christ in the good to evil done,
His Voice in thy soul;—and the Three are
One! TRINITAS.

November (Eleventh Month) 3.

If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! MATT. vi. 23.

We turn us from the light, and find
Our spectral shapes before us thrown,
As they who leave the sun behind
Walk in the shadows of themselves alone.

THE SHADOW AND THE LIGHT.

November (Eleventh Month) 4.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. MATT. ix. 37, 38.

Where are the harvest fields all white,
For Truth to thrust her sickle in?
Where flock the souls, like doves in flight,
From the dark hiding-place of sin?

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

November (Eleventh Month) 5.

Thou hast strengthened the weak hands. Thy words have upholden him that was falling; and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

JOB iv. 3, 4.

Oh, the failing ones confirm
With a holier strength of zeal! —
Give thou not the feeble worm
Helpless to the spoiler's heel!

THE FAMILIST'S HYMN.

November (Eleventh Month) 6.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Ps. xxxiv. 7.

I break my pilgrim staff, — I lay
Aside the toiling oar;
The angel sought so far away
I welcome at my door. My Psalm.

November (Eleventh Month) 7.

Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart.

Rom. x. 6–8.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown.

Our Master.

November (Eleventh Month) 8.

I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Ps. xxxii. 8.

Where now with pain thou treadest, trod
The whitest of the saints of God!

To show thee where their feet were set,
The light which led them shineth yet.

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

November (Eleventh Month) 9.

Thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast. PS. XXXVI. 6.

For his judgments still are a mighty deep,
And the eyes of his providence never sleep:
When the night is darkest he gives the morn;
When the famine is sorest, the wine and corn!

THE PREACHER.

November (Eleventh Month) 10.

If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

ROM. XII. 20.

Give me joy that in his name
I can bear, with patient frame,
All these vain ones offer;
While for them he suffereth long,
Shall I answer wrong with wrong,
Scoffing with the scoffer?

BARCLAY OF URY.

November (Eleventh Month) 11.

God hath chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty. 1 COR. I. 27.

In the great mystery which around us lies,
The wisest is a fool, the fool Heaven-helped is wise.

THE TENT ON THE BEACH.

November (Eleventh Month) 12.

As an hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; . . . as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. ISA. xxxii. 2.

God send his angels, Cloud and Fire,
To lead us o'er the desert sand!
God give our hearts their long desire,
His shadow in a weary land!

THE ROCK IN "EL GHOR."

November (Eleventh Month) 13.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ACTS ii. 3, 4.

Not on one favored forehead fell
Of old the fire-tongued miracle,
But flamed o'er all the thronging host
The baptism of the Holy Ghost.

THE MEETING.

November (Eleventh Month) 14.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ROM. viii. 35.

His light shines on me from above,
His low voice speaks within, —

The patience of immortal love
Outwearying mortal sin.

MY BIRTHDAY.

November (Eleventh Month) 15.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.

MATT. i. 7.

Strict to himself, of other men no spy,
He made his own no circuit-judge to try
The freer conscience of his neighbors by.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PILGRIM.

November (Eleventh Month) 16.

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 SAM. xvii. 7.

And Nature's God, to whom alone
The secret of the heart is known, —
The hidden language traced thereon;

Not with our partial eye shall scan,
Not with our pride and scorn shall ban,
The spirit of our brother man!

FUNERAL TREE OF THE SOKOKIS.

November (Eleventh Month) 17.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

JOHN xv. 4.

Deep strike thy roots, O heavenly Vine
Within our earthly sod;

Most human and yet most divine,
The flower of man and God!

OUR MASTER.

November (Eleventh Month) 18.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. MATT. vii. 21.

Not by the page word-painted
Let life be banned or sainted:
Deeper than written scroll
The colors of the soul. MY TRIUMPH.

November (Eleventh Month) 19.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

1 COR. xiii. 1.

All hearts confess the saints elect
Who, twain in faith, in love agree,
And melt not in an acid sect
The Christian pearl of charity!

SNOW-BOUND.

November (Eleventh Month) 20.

But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. 1 COR. viii. 12.

I touched the garment-hem of truth,
Yet saw not all its splendor;

I knew enough of doubt to feel
For every conscience tender.

A SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATION.

November (Eleventh Month) 21.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. JOHN ix. 4.

Let us draw their mantles o'er us
Which have fallen in our way;
Let us do the work before us,
Cheerly, bravely, while we may,
Ere the long night-silence cometh, and with us
it is not day! LINES.

November (Eleventh Month) 22.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

JOHN xiv. 16, 17.

Guide, comforter, and inward word,
The eternal spirit of the Lord! MIRIAM.

November (Eleventh Month) 23.

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? MICAH vi. 8.

What doth that holy Guide require? —
No rite of pain, nor gift of blood,
But man a kindly brotherhood,
Looking, where duty is desire,
To him, the beautiful and good.

THE OVER-HEART.

November (Eleventh Month) 24.

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. JOHN xiii. 15.

O Lord and Master of us all!
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own thy sway, we hear thy call,
We test our lives by thine. OUR MASTER.

November (Eleventh Month) 25.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. The little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn: they shout for joy, they also sing.

Ps. lxv. 11-13.

We thank thee, Father! — hill and plain
Around us wave their fruits once more,
And clustered vine, and blossomed grain,
Are bending round each cottage door.

LINES WRITTEN FOR AN AGRICULTURAL FESTIVAL.

November (Eleventh Month) 26.

Forbearing one another in love; endeavoring

to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. EPH. iv. 2, 3.

Showing how different faiths agree,
In one sweet law of charity. MIRIAM.

November (Eleventh Month) 27.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. GAL. v. 1.

How few dare to seek their own happiness by the lights which God has given them, or have strength to defy the false pride, and the prejudice of the world, and stand fast in the liberty of Christians.

MY SUMMER WITH DR. SINGLETARY.

November (Eleventh Month) 28.

He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise. JOB v. 12.

All praise to him before whose power the mighty
are afraid,
Who takes the crafty in the snare which for the
poor is laid!

CASSANDRA SOUTHWICK.

November (Eleventh Month) 29.

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

PS. lxxvi. 10.

For God still overrules man's schemes, and takes
Craftiness in its self-set snare, and makes
The wrath of man to praise him.

TO A SOUTHERN STATESMAN.

November (Eleventh Month) 30.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Ps. ciii. 13, 14.

But he who knows our frame is just,
Merciful and compassionate,
And full of sweet assurances
And hope for all the language is,
That he remembereth we are dust!

SNOW-BOUND.

DECEMBER.

December (Twelfth Month) 1.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? MATT. vi. 30.

And I will trust that he who heeds
The life that hides in mead and wold,
Who hangs yon alder's crimson beads,
And stains these mosses green and gold,
Will still, as he hath done, incline
His gracious care to me and mine;
Grant what we ask aright, from wrong debar,
And, as the earth grows dark, make brighter every star! THE LAST WALK IN AUTUMN.

December (Twelfth Month) 2.

Put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil. Learn to do well. ISA. i. 16, 17.

Evermore restrain
Evil and cherish good, so shall there be
Another and a happier life for thee.
CONDUCT.

December (Twelfth Month) 3.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.

Ps. lxxiv. 17.

Shine warmly down, thou sun of noontime,
On this chill pageant, melt and move
The winter's frozen heart with love.

And, soft and low, thou wind south-blowing,
Breathe through a veil of tenderest haze,
Thy prophecy of summer days.

THE PAGEANT.

December (Twelfth Month) 4.

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. ROM. xiv. 17.

Thy litanies, sweet offices
Of love and gratitude;
Thy sacramental liturgies,
The joy of doing good.

OUR MASTER.

December (Twelfth Month) 5.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1 THESS. iv. 13.

Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress-trees!

Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play!

SNOW-BOUND.

December (Twelfth Month) 6.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. JOHN xiii. 17.

He loathed the false, yet lived not true
To half the glorious truths he knew;
The doubt, the discord, and the sin,
He mourned without, he felt within.

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

December (Twelfth Month) 7.

For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. PS. li. 16, 17.

How vain, secure in all thou art,
Our noisy championship!—
The sighing of the contrite heart
Is more than flattering lip.

OUR MASTER.

December (Twelfth Month) 8.

How oft is the candle of the wicked put out? They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

JOB xxi. 17, 18.

For still the Lord alone is God!
The pomp and power of tyrant man
Are scattered at his lightest breath,
Like chaff before the winnower's fan.

THE LEGEND OF ST. MARK.

December (Twelfth Month) 9.

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth and another reapeth. JOHN iv. 36, 37.

Thine was the seed-time; God alone
Beholds the end of what is sown;
Beyond our vision, weak and dim,
The harvest-time is hid with him.

THE CROSS.

December (Twelfth Month) 10.

I exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. JUDE 3.

Better than self-indulgent years
The outflung heart of youth,
Than pleasant songs in idle ears
The tumult of the truth.

MY BIRTHDAY.

December (Twelfth Month) 11.

Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, *and continueth* therein, he being not a forgetful

hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. JAMES i. 25.

All men shall be priests and kings, —
One royal brotherhood, one church made free
By love, which is the law of liberty!

GARIBALDI.

December (Twelfth Month) 12.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. PS. c. 4.

And present gratitude
Insures the future's good,
And for the things I see
I trust the things to be.

MY TRIUMPH.

December (Twelfth Month) 13.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies.

MATT. v. 44.

I love my fellow-men; the worst I know
I would do good to. THE BROTHER OF MERCY.

December (Twelfth Month) 14.

Every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. LUKE xviii. 14.

And heaven bends low to hear the prayer
Of love from lips of self-despair.

THE PRAYER-SEEKER.

December (Twelfth Month) 15.

Without me ye can do nothing.

JOHN xv. 5.

Doing God's will as if it were my own,
Yet trusting not in mine, but in his strength
alone. FIRST-DAY THOUGHTS.

December (Twelfth Month) 16.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

JOHN xv. 4.

Apart from thee all gain is loss,
All labor vainly done;
The solemn shadow of thy cross
Is better than the sun.

OUR MASTER.

December (Twelfth Month) 17.

We spend our years as a tale that is told.

PS. xc. 9.

Beneath the moonlight and the snow
Lies dead my latest year;
The winter winds are wailing low
Its dirges in my ear. MY BIRTHDAY.

December (Twelfth Month) 18.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 COR. iii. 17.

From time and place and form apart
Its holy ground the human heart,
Nor ritual-bound, nor templeward
Walks the free spirit of the Lord!

THE MEETING.

December (Twelfth Month) 19.

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

1 PET. ii. 21.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of him, whose holy work was "doing good,"
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

WORSHIP.

December (Twelfth Month) 20.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. ZECH. iv. 6.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in princes. PS. cxviii. 9.

But dream not helm and harness
The sign of valor true;
Peace hath higher tests of manhood
Than battle ever knew.

THE HERO.

December (Twelfth Month) 21.

God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the

earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. JOB xxxvii. 5, 6.

A night made hoary with the swarm
And whirl-dance of the blinding storm,
As zigzag wavering to and fro
Crossed and recrossed the wingèd snow.

SNOW-BOUND.

December (Twelfth Month) 22.

The upright shall have good things in possession. PROV. xxviii. 10.

With Christ all things are yours.

1 COR. iii. 22.

That of all good the past hath had
Remains to make our own time glad,
Our common daily life divine,
And every land a Palestine.

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

December (Twelfth Month) 23.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. GAL. vi. 2.

Not such the service the benignant Father
Requireth at his earthly children's hands;
Not the poor offering of vain rites, but rather
The simple duty man from man demands.

WORSHIP.

December (Twelfth Month) 24.

Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of?

ISA. ii. 22.

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. NAH. i. 7.

Trust not in man with passing breath,
But in the Lord, old Scripture saith;
The truth which saves thou mayst not blend
With false professor, faithless friend.

THE CHAPEL OF THE HERMITS.

December (Twelfth Month) 25.

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.

ECCL. xi. 7.

The world, O Father! hath not wronged
With loss the life by thee prolonged;
But still, with every added year,
More beautiful thy works appear!

THE CLEAR VISION.

December (Twelfth Month) 26.

Even the winds and the sea obey him!

MATT. viii. 27.

Its waves are kneeling on the strand,
As kneels the human knee,
Their white locks bowing to the sand,
The priesthood of the sea.

THE TENT ON THE BEACH.

December (Twelfth Month) 27.

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which

thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! Ps. xxxi. 19.

I have no answer for myself or thee,
Save that I learned beside my mother's knee,
"All is of God that is, and is to be;
And God is good." TRUST.

December (Twelfth Month) 28.

They rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. REV. xiv. 13.

There is no end for souls like his,
No night for children of the day!

SUMNER.

December (Twelfth Month) 29.

He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. MATT. v. 45.

I wandered forth, the sun and air
I saw bestowed with equal care
On good and evil, foul and fair.

TRINITAS.

December (Twelfth Month) 30.

Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 TIM. ii. 3.

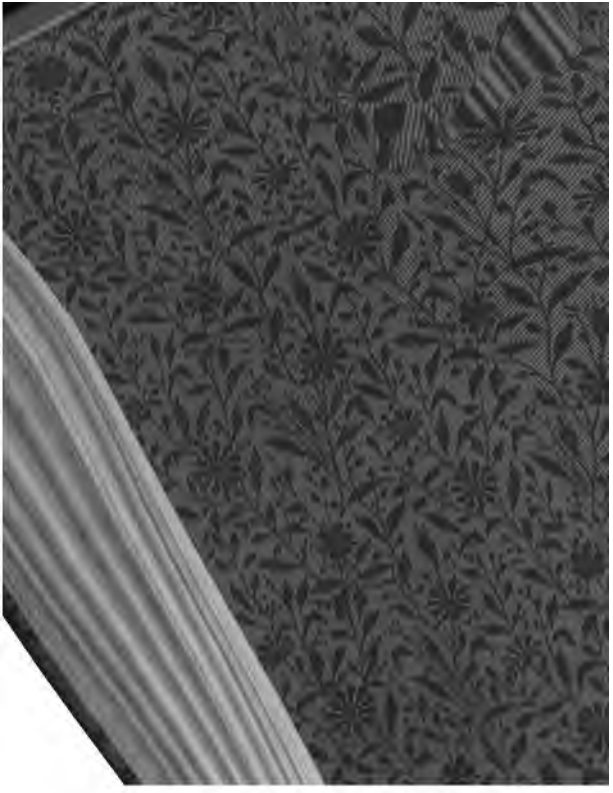
I read the lesson of the Past,
That firm endurance wins at last
More than the sword.

STANZAS FOR THE TIMES.

December (Twelfth Month) 31.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord from the earth, mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars; fire, and hail; snow, and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling his word. Ps. cxlviii. 1, 3, 7, 9, 8.

And prayer is made, and praise is given,
By all things near and far;
The ocean looketh up to heaven,
And mirrors every star.

The green earth sends her incense up
From many a mountain shrine;
From folded leaf, and dewy cup
She pours her sacred wine.
The mists above the morning rills
Rise white as wings of prayer;
The altar curtains of the hills
Are sunset's purple air.

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